

October 6, 1981

Memo to File:

RE: Inspection of Exploration
Kendrick Brothers Construction
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Carbon County, Utah

On October 1, 1981, Thomas Tetting, Wayne Hedberg, Mary Bosworth and Everitt Hooper inspected the tar sands exploration site in Water Canyon, Carbon County. Road construction and access to the cliff face was on-going. Large amounts of rock were already blasted from the face and strewn on the lower road. A front end loader was parked on site.

Tom Kendrick, senior member of the firm, was on site. He discussed expanding the operation to include a lower access route to the tar sand rubble, blasted from the cliff. There is a strong possibility that this expansion will extend the disturbance beyond the two acre limit under which this operation has been permitted.

A second point of concern exists where concerns arise over the existence of a tramway. Constructed around 1909 it has been recommended as eligible to the National Historical Register. The original exploration plan states that Kendrick Brothers will not disturb any existing structures. However, Tom Kendrick is now concerned about blasting this structure down, accidentally. In fact, he stated that he has had county officials out to observe a bulldozer shake the tramway to see what potential exists for its destruction. Applied efforts failed to produce an effect. Being that the structure exists on private land the State Historic Preservation Office (Jim Dykmann) has instituted a laissez-faire policy regarding its destruction. Mr. Kendrick is concerned about possible lawsuits and is investigating what his legal responsibility may be. Because a major portion of the tramway is on Kaiser Steel's mine plan area, Joe Taylor was contacted. He stated that Kaiser has no interest in the situation.

It will be requested of Tom Kendrick to bring in alterations to his existing exploration plan and to be aware of his possible necessity to file a mine plan. The Office of Surface Mining will be contacted to see if they have any interest in the matter. The entire situation appears to be a hazy grey legal affair in which the Division may become involved. The Carbon County Attorney, Keith Ciara, has also been informed of the situation.

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